साम्प्रदायिक दंगे

636. **श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :**
डा. जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 दिसम्बर, 1990 के 'नवभारत' टाइम्स में "उत्तर प्रदेश के दंगों में बड़े राजनीतिक हाथ" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान देश में हुए सभी साम्प्रदायिक दंगों के बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी एकत्र की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार साम्प्रदायिक विष फैलाने के लिए जिम्मेदार तत्वों को उजागर करने के लिए भी और आवश्यक प्रशासनिक कदमों के बारे में कोई श्वेत पत्र जारी करने का विचार करती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) जी हां श्रीमान् ।

(ख) केन्द्र सरकार संबंधित राज्य सरकार के साथ सम्पर्क बनाए हुए है।

(ग) तथा (घ) सरकार का मत है कि समाज विरोधी तथा राष्ट्र विरोधी तत्वों के कारण साम्प्रदायिक दंगे होते हैं । सरकार देश में साम्प्रदायिक शांति को भंग करने के लिए उनके नापाक इरादों को असफल बनाने के लिए वचनबद्ध है।

सरकार का इस मामले पर श्वेत पत्र जारी करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Panthic Committee's Code of Conduct for journalists in Punjab

637. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the decree of a Code of Conduct for journalists published by the five-member Panthic Committee headed by Dr. Sohan Singh, the violation of which would invite retribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect journalists and newspapers in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government have seen press reports about a 'code of Conduct' set down by the Panthic Committee (Dr. Sohan Singh) warning media persons *inter-alia* not to use the word 'terrorists' and to refer to all those 'struggling for Khalistan', as 'Khalistan freedom fighters or Khalistani Mujahadeen' Government would not be cowed down by such dictats. Adequate protection is being given to the media including some of the reporters and the arrangements are constantly under review.

Change in approach to Eighth Five Year Plan

638. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the priorities chalked out by the earlier Government in the Approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the draft to the Eighth Plan is expected to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) The exercises relating to the fomulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan document are underway. The document will be laid on the Table of the House after it is considered and endorsed by the National Development Council.

Hunger strike by foreign undertrials in Tihar Jail

639. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Indian Express dated October 18, 1990 to the effect that 114 foreign undertrials went on a hunger strike, citing delay in their trials as the major problem; and

(b) what are the facts in this regard and what action Government propose to take in the matter regarding the grievances of foreign undertrials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A news-item appeared in the Indian Express on 18-10-1990 relating to hunger strike by foreign undertrials in Tihar Central Jail.

(b) Some foreign undertrials went on hunger-strike from 15th October, 1990 Their main demands were:—

(i) expeditious trials;

(ii) grant of bail;

(iii) better medical and recreational facilities; and

(iv) separate cooking facilities.

The District and Sessions Judge has impressed upon the Criminal Courts to decide casses of the undertrials expeditiously. The grant or refusal of bail is purely in the judicial discretion of the Courts. There is an OPD Dispensary and a 60-Bedded hospital with X-ray facilities and Pathology laboratory in the Jail to cater to the sick prisoners. Various indoor and outdoor games as also newspapers and magazines are provided to the prisoners. Separate cooking facilities are being provided to the foreign undertrials.

Pension to widows of Central Government employees

640. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the widows of the Central Government employees who were either dismissed or terminated from services, after rendering qualified service period for the purpose of pensionary benefits are not being given the family pension;

(b) whether it is not *ultra vires* of the Constitution; and

(c) whether any further action is being contemplated to modify the rules of pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Family pension to the family of a deceased Central Government servant is admissible in cases where the Government employee dies while in service. In such a case the family pension is not related to the length of service of the deceased employee. However, in the case of a retired employee, family pension is granted to the family on the death of the retired employee provided he had put in the necessary qualifying service for earning pension. Dismissal or removal from service of an employee entails forefeiture of service, disqualifying him for any pension. The families of such dismissed/removed employees are, therefore, not eligible for any family pension. However, where a dismissed/removed Government servant has been granted a compassionate allowance under the Rules, the family of such person is entitled for family pension.

(b) and (c) The above provisions have stood the test of time and no further action in this regard is contemplated.